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## TELEGRAPHIC TOAST.

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES TO THE NEWS.

M. De Lesseps in Washington City--Destructive Fire in St. Paul--Items of News Condensed.

### Fire Record.

St. PAUL, March 8.—Fire broke out yesterday in the whale salt house of Oubach Finch, Calberton & Company, the largest building, and occupied by the largest firm in the city, and is a total loss.

The building was three years old and cost \$90,000; insured for \$45,000. It was filled with goods in anticipation of the spring trade. The value of the goods were \$850,000, insurance \$492,000.

### DE LESSEPS IN WASHINGTON.

An Audience Given Him by the Select Committee of the House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.—The select committee of the House on the Interstate Commerce Act, in conference this morning, to Count Ferdinand de Lesseps. Besides the chairman and members of the committee several members of the House (notably Joseph E. Johnston) called and paid their respects to the great leader. Captain Eads chatted familiarly with M. de Lesseps, and they also present Commodore Uriel, Lieutenant, and Mr. Mannic, of the U. S. Navy, who are zealous advocates of the Nicaragua route for the canals in preference to the Panama route.

The Appropriations committee courteously invited the foreigner to the holding of the reception, but after a time the gallery recently opened at the back of the Speaker's chair was put in requisition, only to be again abandoned for the Appropriations committee.

M. de Lesseps gave his views at much length, Mr. Apperson acting as his interpreter. He had not completed his statement at the hour of adjournment, but at his own suggestion and in compliance with the wishes of the committee he postponed his intended departure from the city, and will come again to-morrow before the committee, with Captain Eads is also to have a hearing.

### Foreign Flashes.

LONDON, March 8.—Twenty-three deaths have resulted from a boiler explosion at Glassgow Friday.

A Paris dispatch says it is announced that Frédéric Lefèvre, a quiet Parisian, pronounced leave of absence, it is believed in consequence of the Hartmann affair as Orloff confidently expected to obtain his extradition. Another Paris dispatch says the warehouses of the Messageries National and Great Carrying company has been destroyed by fire. The merchandise is valued at \$1,000,000, and destroyed six thousand square yards covered with debris; fully insured.

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 16.—Another fire has taken place in the capital and two thousand five hundred houses were destroyed.

### In Hot Water Again.

RICHMOND, Va., March 8.—The Senate again refused to pass the Riddellberger debt bill over a veto of the Governor. Yeas, 19; nays, 16; not necessary two-thirds.

### Items by Telegraph.

The Democratic State Convention of Louisiana is called to meet in New Orleans on the 12th of April.

The House Committee yesterday agreed to report favorably on the exchange of trade dollars for legal tender dollars, and the further coining of trade dollars to cease.

Postmaster General Key yesterday rescinded his order in reference to the Frankfort School Fund Lottery.

A negro man was killed in New Orleans yesterday for resisting an officer of the law.

A special dispatch from Louisville states that it has leaked out that the Louisville & St. Louis Air-Line has been purchased by C. P. Huntington & Co., who will use in conjunction with the Great Central Pacific system.

The German bark A. F. Nordmann, bound for Galveston, was lost at sea. The crew were saved and landed in New York yesterday.

In San Francisco there is quite a stir among the troops, who seem to be in a fever of excitement. It is said that John C. Calhoun shall have no hiding place. The troops walk the "grand rounds" nightly, there are at least 2,000 troops on duty, and more have been ordered out.

**The Corundum Mines of the South**

Scientific American.

The name "corundum" is applied to all crystallized alumina. It is the hardest mineral in the world except the diamond, and when in the crystalline form and transparent, constitutes the Oriental gem, the sapphire, or emerald. It is the stone which is of greatest value, some even exceeding the diamond, because they are more rare. It is used for abrasive purposes, but as yet a sufficient quantity has never been found in this country to take the effect. It is much harder than sapphires, performing the work in less time.

Corundum occurs in the gneissic rocks extending from the Southern part of Virginia to Middle Alabama, passing in a southwesterly direction through the mountainous portion of North Carolina. In the southern counties in the Nantahala range of mountains (one of the spurs of the Blue Ridge), and lying on either side of Buck creek (a tributary of the Tennessee), at an elevation of from four to four thousand feet, the so-called Gadsden corundum mine, which has been considered the largest deposit of corundum in this country. It covers an area of three hundred acres. This mine was purchased in April, 1879, by Herman Behr & Co., and has been worked since May, with what success is not reported.

In Macon county, N. C., on the western slope of the Blue Ridge, at an elevation of about twenty-five hundred feet, is the Corundum hill, formerly known as Cullagease mine. This mine was discovered in 1872; it was afterwards purchased by E. B. Ward, and worked for eighteen months by the Co. of E. B. Ward & Co. The South and the Two-Thirds Rule.

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A Scotch preacher confesses that while apparently preaching without notes he really is reading from a manuscript which he sees mentally before him. He sees it in his mind. This is the secret of the faculty of visual representation which occurs when he has written a sermon and read it carefully before going into the pulpit.

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While Spurgeon was sick, at Merton, in France, he preached to the smallest audience he ever addressed. Fourteen persons were gathered in his room. His text was from the epistle of James: "Ye have heard of the patience of Job, which is exceeding great; ye have not heard that he was a good man, and exhort him to practice it to the utmost." Spurgeon has been a great sufferer from rheumatism and gout. He is now in London.

## DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

### THE COST OF THE LATE WAR TO BE INVESTIGATED.

### Smuggling to be Looked After--Homestead Pre-emption--Byrd and Carpenter.

#### Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The Vice-President laid before the Senate a memorial of the trustees of the Peabody Education funds, and recommending legislation to aid in the education of colored children. *Referred.*

This mine was operated for a limited season by the Hampden Emery company.

Northwest of the Pigeon, in Haywood county, North Carolina, is still another deposit of corundum, called the Presley mine, which has been worked since one year ago last March. In Madison and near the Pigeon county line, in the same State, is an outcropping of chrysotile, carrying corundum, which covers an area of say five acres, and has been worked for the Hampden Emery company for the past season.

Deposits of corundum are also found in South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama.

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

There are twenty schools of industry in Europe.

Day always breaks; that is what enables night to overtake it.

Odious cause much bad breath and many tears.

Pills in the hands of a sick man have a downward tendency.

The father of twins is a botanical curiosity—a double "poppy" as it were.

Always laugh at your own jokes; if you want a thing well done, do it yourself.

Those who die only go before, and then some of them go before they want to.

No matter how often the river falls, it always gets up again.

What is the leading town in the West? Why, Leadville, of course.

"I hit yester," said one small boy to another, "you'll be usin' yerself for smuttermor."

A magpie worried a toad into a hole made for a fence post, and then gathered pebbles and stoned it.

That most of the streams and ponds of Florida are bound in alligators makes it up hill work for the Baptist church in that State.

Some men are so slow that, if Gabriel's trumpet should call the quick and the dead, they could not claim to belong to either class.

The fences of the United States cost about \$2,000,000,000, and the offenses were somewhat more.

A subscriber to the *Herald*'s Irish relief fund exclaims: "May a mouse never leave your cupboard with a tear in his eye."

In England young gentlemen speak of their fathers as "the governor, pater, the overlord, etc. Here we are more civilized. We say 'dad, the boss, or the old man.'

A belated clerk one morning excused himself for being late, on the ground that it was so foggy that he couldn't see his watch.

Nurse—Good morning, Mr. Brown, did you have a good night? Patient—The night was good enough, but I've had a beastly time of it—I have.

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Barber to his customer Randolph's subtitute for the bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter. It authorizes Porter's appointment as Colonel, with pay from 1863.

Bayard regretted that the Senator from Wisconsin (Carpenter) had introduced an appeal to partition feeling into his speech on Saturday. There was no memorandum of arraignment and no memorandum of defense.

It was partly a matter of public justice. He denied that the jurisdiction of courts-martial is congenital with that of civil tribunals. Military power must in all respects be subordinate to civil power; that civil courts have absolute jurisdiction in cases of irregularity in a courts-martial, but that military courts have no such authority concerning civil courts. This fact alone would prove the subordination of a courts-martial to civil courts.

The court set aside the verdict and ordered a new trial of not guilty to be entered. Solicitor appealed.

The trial was set for the 6th of April, and the court of inquiry was to be held on the 11th.

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